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UFO HEATS CAR!

A 26 year old woman was driving alone enroute to West Hampton on Long Island on February 4, 1990. About 11:15 pm a large luminous oval shaped object appeared to the front of her car at treetop level and paced her car as she drove. She said the object was as large as the width of the four lane highway. The light coming from the object was intense and she had to squint to see the road. The heat coming from the object was very warm and she could feel it through the windshield of the car. It flew just slightly ahead and above her. She described it as having a smooth surface with no doors, windows or appendages. At one point, the object suddenly rose and sped off to the southeast. Throughout the incident there was no traffic on the highway. She was alone and frightened. This case is particularly interesting because a number of factors are similar to those found in the December 1980 Cash/Landrum case which took place near Houston, Texas. Further details may be found in UFO UNIVERSE, August/September 1991, page 5.



Lucille Ball

The Opinionated Lucille Ball

Lucille Ball was more than just a dizzy redhead. She was a highly opinionated woman who shared her views with friend Jim Brochu, the author of "Lucy in the Afternoon" (Pocket Books).

■ On Ronald and Nancy Reagan: "We couldn't eat until (the Reagans) arrived, and they were almost an hour late. They were all out of breath and so excited. They had seen a UFO and stopped to watch it. After he was elected president, I kept thinking about that night and wondered if he'd have still won if he had told everybody that he'd seen a flying saucer."

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Soviets lose costly spaceship and experiment

REUTER NEWS SERVICE

MOSCOW — A Soviet space cargo ship returning to Earth burned up in the atmosphere, destroying an important electronics experiment, Soviet television reported Friday.

A television commentator said the cargo ship was carrying crystals grown in a weightless atmosphere on board the orbiting Mir-2 space station and intended for use in electronics. It did not say when the accident took place.

"This was undisputably a priority of Soviet science. It was the very essence of the work of our cosmonauts," the commentator said.

The television report appeared aimed at persuading viewers that the Mir station was performing useful work amid general public indifference and a series of incidents and setbacks.

Parliamentarians have increasingly criticized the cost of the country's space program as the economy slides deeper into crisis.

Television also announced that Mir's current crew of Viktor Afanasyev and Musa Manarov would return to Earth on May 26.

Houston Chronicle

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UFO



Many people in the Romanian capital of Bucharest watched an unidentified flying object move back and forth in a regular motion overnight on May 30-31. A journalist for Agence France Presse who witnessed the UFO said it was a bright object, clearly visible in spite of heavy cloud, and probably at an altitude of several thousand feet. A Romanian defense official said nothing unusual had been seen, and suggested that the phenomenon might have been an optical illusion or a trick of the weather.

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'DOOMSDAY' ASTEROID MAY HIT EARTH

The HOUSTON CHRONICLE, dated June 18, 1991, carried a headline story entitled "Scientists scanning the heavens for 'doomsday' asteroid". It said: "Somewhere in space at this moment, hurtling toward Earth at roughly 16 miles asecond, is the doomsday rock. The question of growing interest to scientists and engineers is exactly when it will approach our planet and whether anything can be done to avoid a catastrophic collision, such as nudging the rock off course with a nuclear blast or two. The doomsday rock is an asteroid large enough to severely disrupt life on Earth upon impact, lofting pulverized rock and dust that blocks most sunlight. Agriculture would virtually end, and civilization could wither and die, just as the dinosaurs and many other forms of life are thought by some to have been wiped out by a massive object from outer space 65 million years ago."

As far as we know at this time, no astronomer has located the killer asteroid. But, given enough time it is inevitable that one will appear. And the odds are that the moment could be relatively soon, in celestial terms.

Experts have calculated the odds, estimating the risk of death for an American over a 50-year period and found that the risk from an asteroid impact is 1 in 6,000. That means the risk is higher for being killed by an asteroid than it is from an airplane crash, from tornados, or from fireworks.

Very little is being done to spot the killer asteroid. NASA is now spending less than \$1 million a year to search for Earth-crossing asteroids. More telescopes are needed. Located in space or on the surface of the Moon, new telescopes could provide the early warning of an asteroid approach necessary to permit something to be done to avoid a collision. That presupposes we have the space systems in our inventory that could prevent an asteroid collision.

RARE ISOTOPE FOUND ON NASA CRAFT

The March 7, 1991 issue of the THE TIMES, reported scientists from several U.S. government and university laboratories have found the rare atmospheric isotope Beryllium-7 present on the surface of NASA's Long Duration Exposure Facility (LDEF).

The LDEF was returned from space by the Space Shuttle Columbia in January 1990 after nearly six years in Earth orbit.

The isotope is radioactive and produced naturally by cosmic ray reactions in the Earth's atmosphere. The finding is unusual because the isotope is mainly produced at much lower altitudes in the atmosphere than where the LDEF was orbiting. It appears that some, as yet undetermined, process efficiently carries the isotope to high altitudes.